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SUBJ: SOVIET CLASSIFIED PRESS SUMMARY - OCTOBER 30

1. SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS HIGHLIGHTS:

--LE DUAN IN MOSCOW DOMINATES CENTRAL PRESS REPORTING;

--PRAVDA ON SADAT IN THE U.S.;

-- KRASNAYA ZVEZDA SAYS THAT ISRAEL WANTS PERSHING'S FOR
USE WITH NUKES, AND EXPLAINS ISRAELI NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES;

--IZVESTIYA IMPLIES NATO SYMPATHY FOR ALLEGED RIGHTIST
COUP PLANS WITHIN THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE;

--PRAVDA COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION IN SPAIN;

--PRAVDA PARSING OF NEW CUBAN PARTY PROGRAM SEEMS TO
SUPPORT ZARODOV'S APPROACH TO REVOLUTIONARY TACTICS;

--PRAVDA REACTS TO RENEWED CHINESE USE OF THE GERMAN
QUESTION TO AGGRAVATE MOSCOW. END SUMMARY.

2. VIETNAM. DRV PARTY CHIEF LE DUAN'S ACTIVITIES AGAIN DOMINATED
THE CENTRAL PRESS FOR OCTOBER 30. PRAVDA FRONT-PAGES
A PHOTO AND SHORT REPORT OF HIS MEETING WITH BREZHNEV
ON OCTOBER 29 IN WHICH THE TWO SIDES REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED
THE EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES
AND COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC PLANNING FOR THE COMING
FIVE YEARS AND LONGER. THE TWO ALSO REPORTEDLY ATTACHED
SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO STRENGTHENING THE UNITY OF THE
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SOCIALIST/COMMUNIST/LABOR MOVEMENT "AGAINST THE
AGGRESSIVE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM AND NEOCOLONIALISM AND
THEIR HELPERS." COMMENT: THIS LATTER PHRASE IS A
VEILED REFERENCE TO THE CHINESE, AND THE "SOLIDARITY
AND UNITY" THEME SEEMS TO BE PART OF THE PRICE MOSCOW
IS DEMANDING FOR ITS ECONOMIC PROMISES. END COMMENT. LE DUAN
WAS ALSO GREETED AT A MOSCOW FACTORY ON OCTOBER 28
AND GAVE A LONG SPEECH HIGHLIGHTING THE EXTENT OF

PAST SOVIET AID AND REPEATEDLY BLASTING THE "AMERICAN AGGRESSORS" BY NAME.

3. U.S.-EGYPT. PRAVDA REPORTS SECOND MEETING BY SADAT WITH THE PRESIDENT AND MEETING WITH SCHLESINGER, AND SAYS THAT SADAT ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO "DIVERSIFY EGYPT'S WEAPONS SOURCES" BY BUYING AS MUCH FROM THE U.S. AS FROM OTHER STATES. REPORT CONTINUES THAT WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMEN SAID THAT MILITARY AID DID NOT PLAY A MAIN ROLE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT. ITEM SAYS THAT SADAT TOLD CORRESPONDENTS THAT THE U.S. SHOULD MOVE TO A "DIALOGUE WITH THE PLO" SINCE IT NOW IS "PLAYING THE MAIN ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST GAME," AND THAT HE HAD SUGGESTED AS MUCH TO THE PRESIDENT. REPORT STATES THAT SADAT REFUSED TO SAY HOW THE PRESIDENT REACTED. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA EXPANDS THIS SAME REPORT TO INCLUDE SADAT DEFENSE OF UN ZIONISM/RACISM RESOLUTION.

4. OTHER MIDDLE EAST. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY SAYS THAT ISRAEL CAN ONLY WANT PERSHING MISSILES AS DELIVERY VEHICLES FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS, SINCE USE OF EXPENSIVE MISSILES TO DELIVER CONVENTIONAL WARHEADS WITH SMALL CHANCE THAT ACCURACY SUCH THAT TARGET WILL BE DESTROYED MAKES NO SENSE. QUOTING FOREIGN PRESS SOURCES, COMMENTARY DETAILS AT LENGTH ISRAELI SOURCES OF ENRICHED PLUTONIUM, NOTING THAT LASER ENRICHMENT PROCESS NOW IN BEING IN ISRAEL CAN PRODUCE ENOUGH FOR A BOMB IN SEVEN DAYS. COMMENTARY SPEAKS OF "SECRET ASSURANCES" BY THE U.S. IN THE SINAI II PACKAGE OF DELIVERY OF PERSHING AND OTHER SYSTEMS, AND SAYS THAT THE PENTAGON INTENDS TO MAKE SUCH DELIVERIES BECAUSE IT IS "SYMPATHETIC" TO AN INCREASE OF TENSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. COMMENTARY ENDS WITH A HERBERT

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SCOVILLE QUOTE THAT PERSHING DELIVERIES COULD TURN MIDDLE EAST INTO AN ARENA FOR NUCLEAR CONFLICT. COMMENT: THE PRESS HAS MADE NUMEROUS REFERENCES IN PAST WEEKS TO THE PERSHING/NUKE CONNECTION, BUT THIS IS BY FAR THE BLUNTEST TREATMENT OF THE ISSUE YET TO APPEAR. END COMMENT.

5. IBERIA. IZVESTIYA REPORTS FROM LISBON ACCUSATIONS BY AN "AIR FORCE COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF REVOLUTION" THAT WEAPONS, FUEL BEING STOCKPILED ON A NATO BASE IN COTERGAS IN PREPARATION FOR A COUP FROM WITHIN THE AIR FORCE. IZVESTIYA REPORTS FROM MADRID ARREST IN BARCELONA OF THREE FURTHER MILITARY OFFICERS, AND REPLAYS EXCERPTS FROM A SPANISH COMMUNITY PARTY CALL ON PROGRESSIVE FORCES TO SEEK CONTACT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ARMED FORCES" TO EASE THE

TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY." PRAVDA IN SIGNED COMMENTARY SAYS THAT CRISIS IN SPAIN NOW AT A PEAK, AND THAT MAIN GROUPS NOW VYING FOR INFLUENCE RANGE FROM ARCH CONSERVATIVE TO THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE, LATTER WITH SUPPORT OF COMMUNISTS, OTHER LEFTISTS AND SOME MEMBERS OF BOURGEOIS, CHURCH, AND MILITARY. COMMENTARY IMPLIES THAT INITIATIVE CLEARLY LIES WITH LATTER GROUP, AND THAT MOVEMENT TOWARD CHANGE HAS NOW BEGUN. COMMENT: PRAVDA SEEMS TO IMPLY APPROVAL OF THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY'S BROADLY-BASED ALLIANCE -- PERHAPS AS A GESTURE TOWARD THAT PARTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE EUROPEAN PARTY CONFERENCE. END COMMENT.

6. REVOLUTIONARY THEORY. PRAVDA PARAPHRASE OF CUBAN PARTY DRAFT PROGRAM SAYS THAT THE DOCUMENT MAKES POINT THAT THE CUBAN REVOLUTION SERVES AS PRACTICAL CONFIRMATION OF THESIS OF CONTINUOUS REVOLUTION AND IDEA THAT THERE IS NO "INSURMOUNTABLE BARRIER" BETWEEN POPULAR-DEOMCRATIC AND SOCIALIST STAGES OF REVOLUTION; DECISIVE FACTOR IS CLASS IN WHOSE HANDS POLITICAL POWER LIES. COMMENT: THE PROGRAM, AT LEAST AS PARSED BY PRAVDA, SEEMS CLEAR SHOT IN SUPPORT OF THE POSITION ON REVOLUTIONARY TACTICS EXPRESSED IN THE NOW FAMOUS ZARODOV ARTICLE. END COMMENT.

7. CHINA-GERMANY. PRAVDA SAYS THAT CHINA HAS USED THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ARRIVAL OF SCHMIDT IN PEKING AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLISH AN ARTICLE "UNFRIENDLY TO THE GDR" BECAUSE IT "IGNORES THE EXISTENCE" OF THE LATTER STATE. IN A SEPARATE ARTICLE PRAVDA REPORTS THE FISCHER DEMARCHE IN BERLIN TO THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR REJECTING THE "LIBELOUS INVENTIONS" IN THE CHINESE PRESS ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RECENTLY SIGNED SOVIET-GDR TREATY. MATLOCK

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